

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
APRIL 1, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Jason Michael was not present. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Harold Eaton.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 Board meeting;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To accept the letter of resignation of Raymond Entrekin effective April 3, 2014;
- (4) To declare surplus funds in the Gas Department in the amount of \$137,622.49 and to transfer those to the General Fund;
- (5) To approve paying \$137,622.49 to First Security Bank for public improvement bond payment.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came on for discussion, the landlord license. Mayor Blythe requested that the Board hold one additional public hearing, to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Tom Sanders with the several zoning issues. First, Tom Sanders presented the Adult Daycare, which is located on Highway 45 or North Second Street

close to A C Wright Trucking Company. They were requesting that they be allowed to have an exception to operate the Adult Daycare in that area. Alderman Williams made a motion to grant the exception, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Tom Sanders requested that Denny Ray Richardson's personal property be re-zoned from R-1 to A-1. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the motion made by Alderman McCoy requesting that the City seek estimates and a plan for placing a gas tank at the City Park, that would be a permanent gas tank. Alderman Eaton seconded said motion, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe to place the new time clock at the Police Department and at the Park Department, instead of the Fire Department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire seasonal employees. Those being hired were score keepers at \$7.50 per hour; umpires at \$20.00 per game; concession workers at \$7.75 per hour; and park maintenance workers at \$8.00 per hour. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to close the basketball courts by the 9/10 year old ball field, when baseball games were being played. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Janet Boren requesting permission to send three (3) clerks to the Office Professional Training Course in Tupelo, Mississippi, hosted by the Mississippi Rural Water Association. The total costs would be \$75.00. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion purposes Billy Spencer with the Gas & Water Department advising that there was an emergency situation that was occurring and that on Hwy 45

close to the Orchard, there was a water leak. That repairing this water leak would require potentially a rebore under Hwy 45. He and David Moore were looking at options and would get back with the Board, about the most cost efficient method to correct this problem.

There next came on for consideration, James Olive with the Street Department requesting that he be allowed to obtain quotes for purchasing a new bush hog. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace requesting that he be allowed to pay the invoice for the PPE, and that the grant money would reimburse all but \$19.00. The grant was \$16,500.00, and this money would be reimbursed to City within thirty (30) days. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace requested that he be allowed to post for a certified full time firefighter to replace Raymond Entrekin. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase two (2) pair of turnouts in the amount of \$1,490.00. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to apply for the CDBG Grant for the sewer project. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came on the request to have a public hearing on the CDBG Grant for the sewer project to be held April 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Williams made said motion, second by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jack Griffith requested that he be allowed to apply for a conservation grant. That we could apply for this grant and at anytime could stop the process. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a CDL license policy. Attorney Daniel K. Tucker requested that this matter be placed on a work session to be discussed in more detail. With that,

Alderman McCoy made a motion that no one would drive a truck, if they do not have the appropriate classification of license to drive that particular vehicle. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to remodel City Hall, which had already been approved in the budget. Alderman Bolen made a motion to move on this project, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to upgrade the phone system at City Hall and the Fire Department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to accept bids for gas services as a backup plan to the current plan. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to increase our garbage from \$8.95 per month to \$10.00, which would allow each customer to have a garbage can provided by Waste Connections, which should clean up some of the mess around the City. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase an ad in the annual Sports Showcase by the Banner-Independent. The costs for a full page ad would be \$450.00, and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the full page ad, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Alderman McCoy requesting a Welcome to Booneville sign be added for the East side of town, with estimate of the costs of the sign and labor to be obtained. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe requesting that we entertain getting a debit/credit system for accepting payments. The cost would be passed on to the customer, and not to the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman McCoy made a motion that we

move forward on this, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe announced that an agreement had finally been reached with the Public Service Commission Office on the gas tariff. He thanked Janet Boren, Daniel K. Tucker, David Jones and David Moore for all their hard work on the project.

Next, Mayor Blythe announced that there would be a public awareness meeting on April 29, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Prentiss County Agni-center.

Next, Mayor Blythe informed the Board that the F-150 truck had arrived and it was NGV services having the propane kit installed.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe asking that the PCDA be allowed to use the Booneville Hardware Building for its Industry Appreciation Day on April 30, 2014, at no charge. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Mayor Blythe informing the City that the Baptist Memorial Hospital was attempting to help the City acquire four (4) AED portable defibrillator machines, at no cost. Alderman McCoy made a motion that we go ahead and accept these from Baptist Memorial Hospital, if they could obtain them, seconded Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to join the Click it or Ticket it Program (FY14 OP Special Wave Grant), which could lead to some grants for overtime hours for officers working the programs. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe announced that the roof at the Gas & Water Department has been completed, and that there was enough money left in the budget to paint the building, and he wanted to move forward with obtaining quotes for the painting.

Next, Mayor Blythe announced that the volunteer program had been working great at the Animal Shelter, and that there were other volunteer forms that had come in, and he was requesting that the Board approve those volunteer forms. Those volunteers would be Tyisha Malone, Shelby Moss, Thomas Kines, Baley Gant, Steward Covington, Joseph Sanders, Genevieve Stoop, Elisa Palmer, Dylan Clayton, Gregory Crowell, Latisha Snyder, and Rhiannon Tawney. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the volunteer applications of these individuals, seconded by

Alderman McCoy, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK